

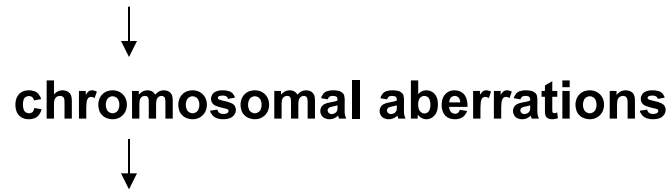
**20.109 MOD1 – DNA ENGINEERING**  
**Fall 2010**

**Exploiting science for engineering:  
BRCA2 targeted therapies**

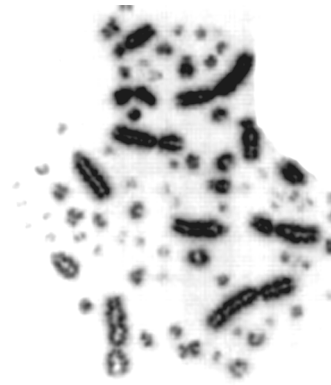
Orsi Kiraly  
Engelward lab

# Homologous recombination is important

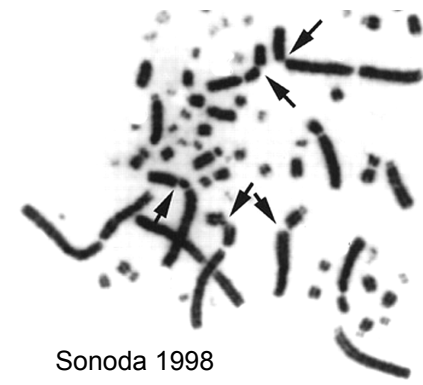
- **No HR**



**cell death**



normal



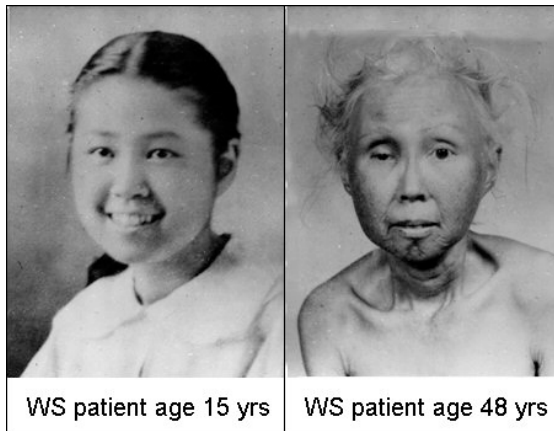
Sonoda 1998

Rad51-/-  
no HR

- **Faulty HR**

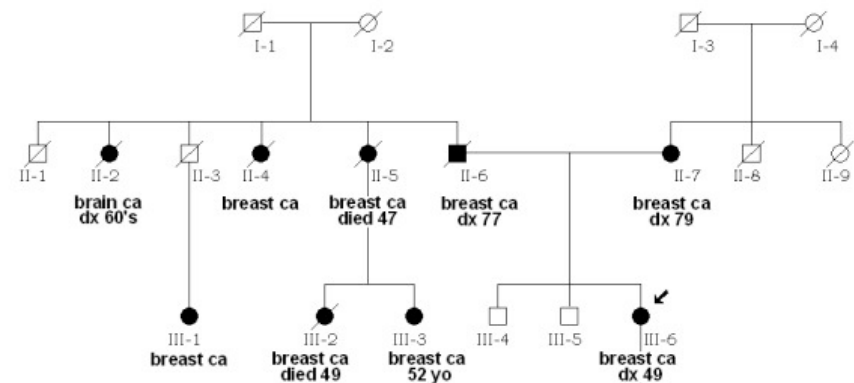
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**premature aging**

↓  
**cancer**

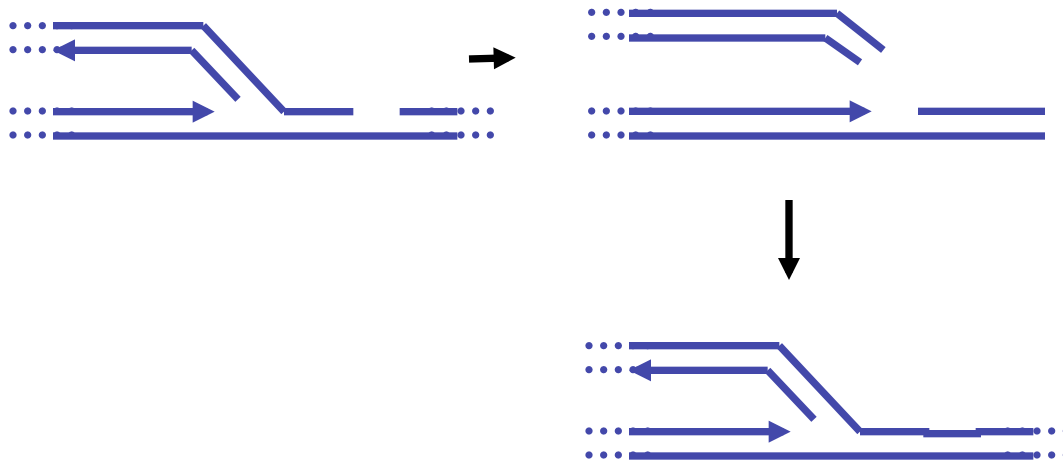


WS patient age 15 yrs

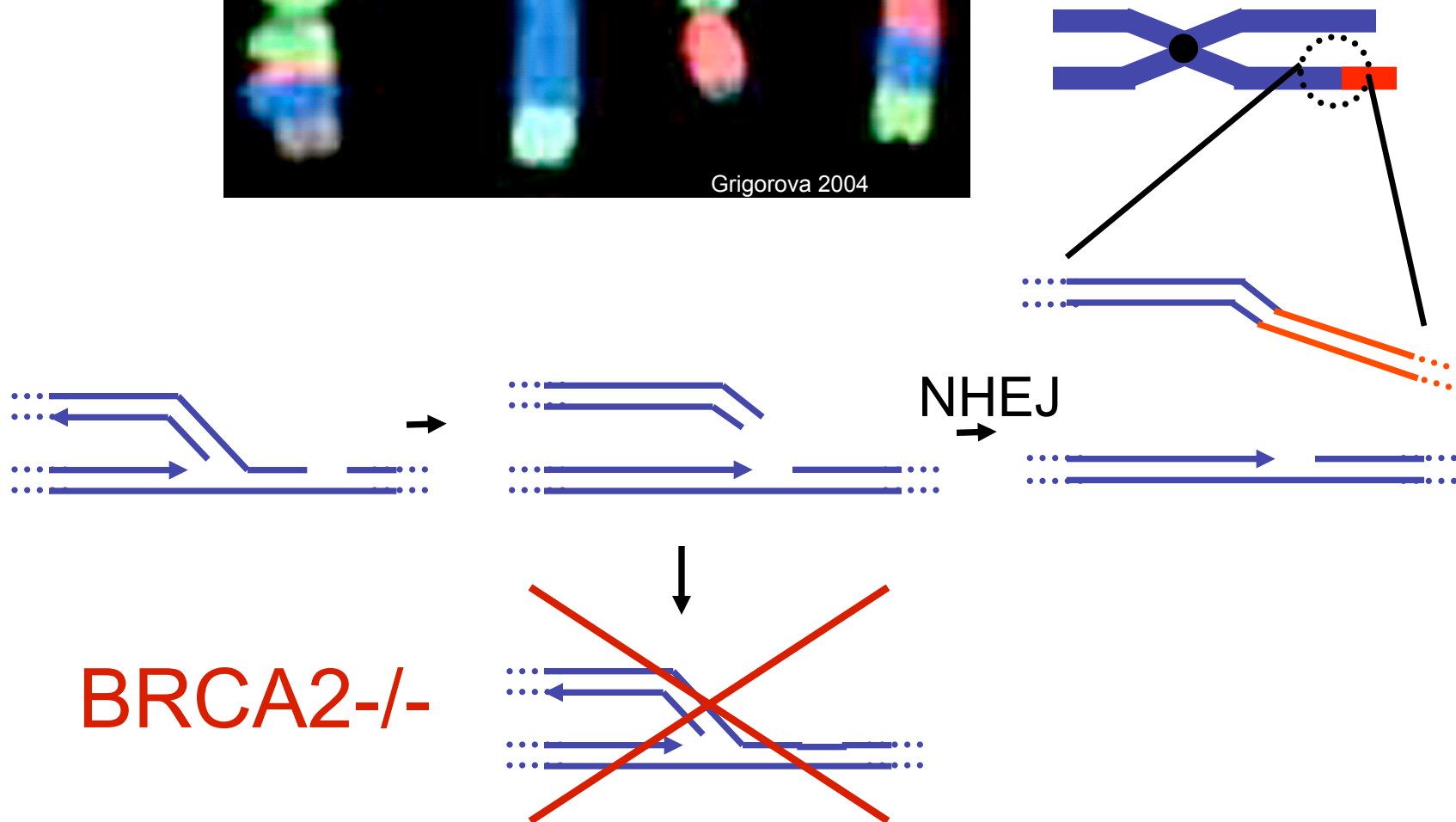
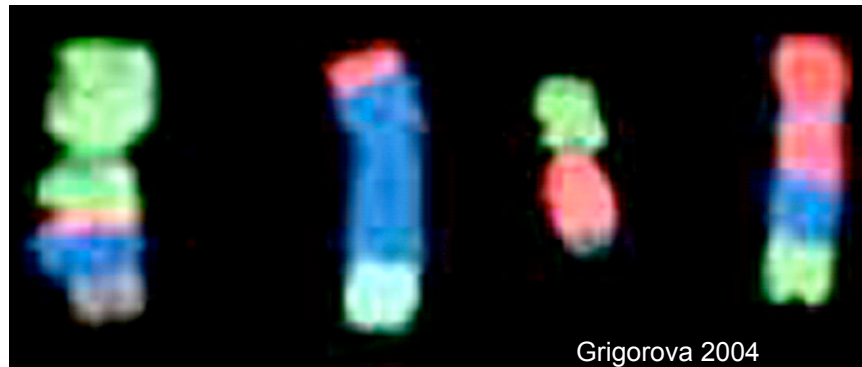
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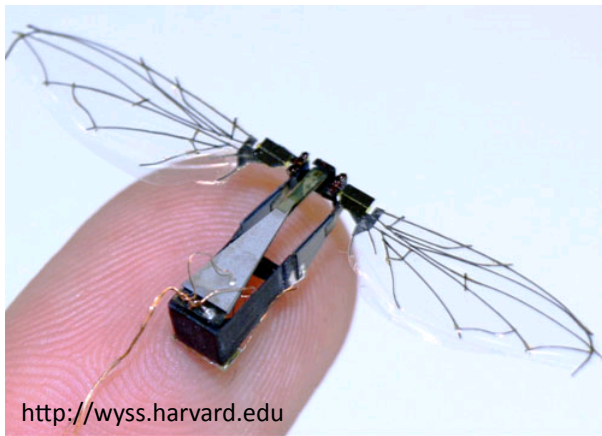
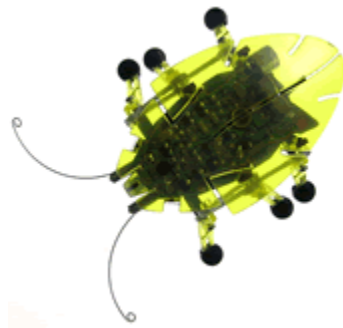
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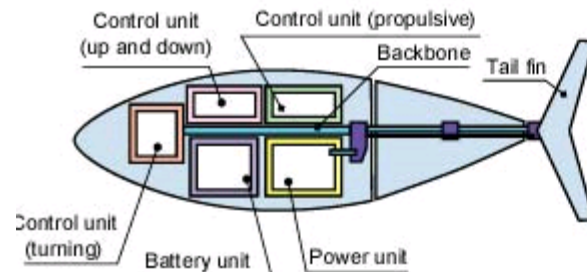
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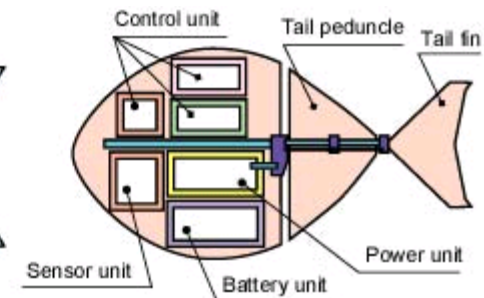
# Understanding biology leads to new technologies



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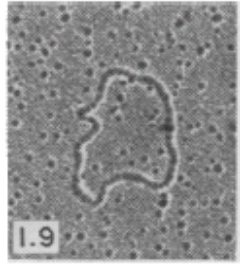


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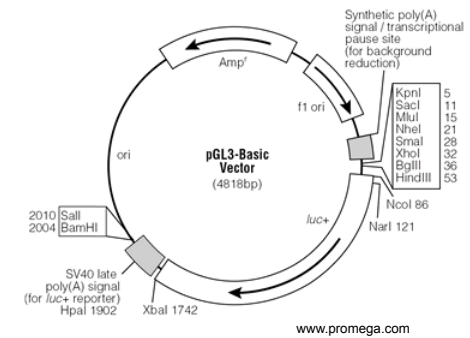


# Recombinant DNA toolbox is from nature

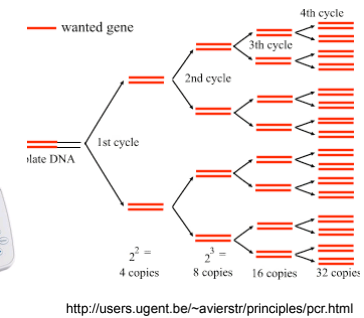
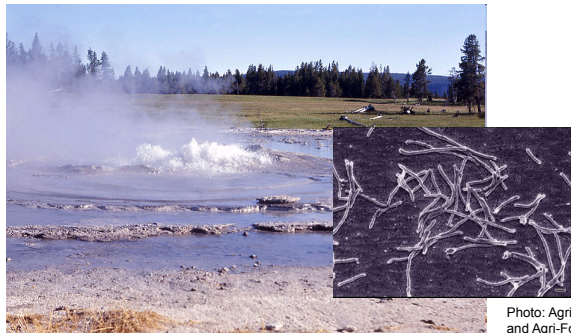
## Plasmids



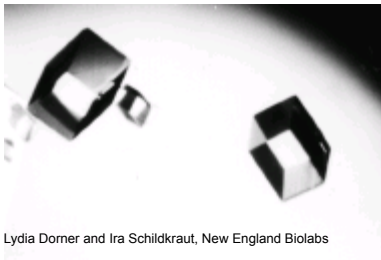
Radloff 1967 PNAS



## Heat stable DNA polymerases

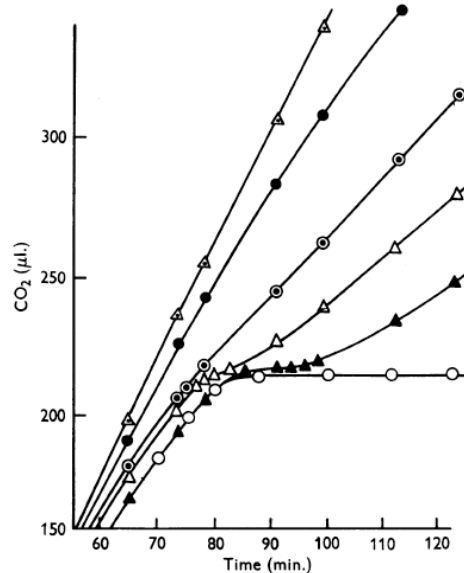


## Restriction endonucleases

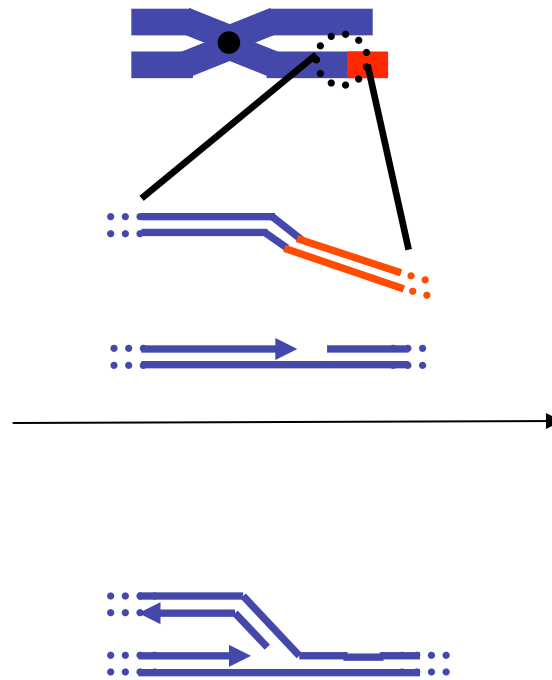


**OBSERVATION**

# Understanding science leads to new technologies: BRCA2 targeted therapy



Roitt 1956



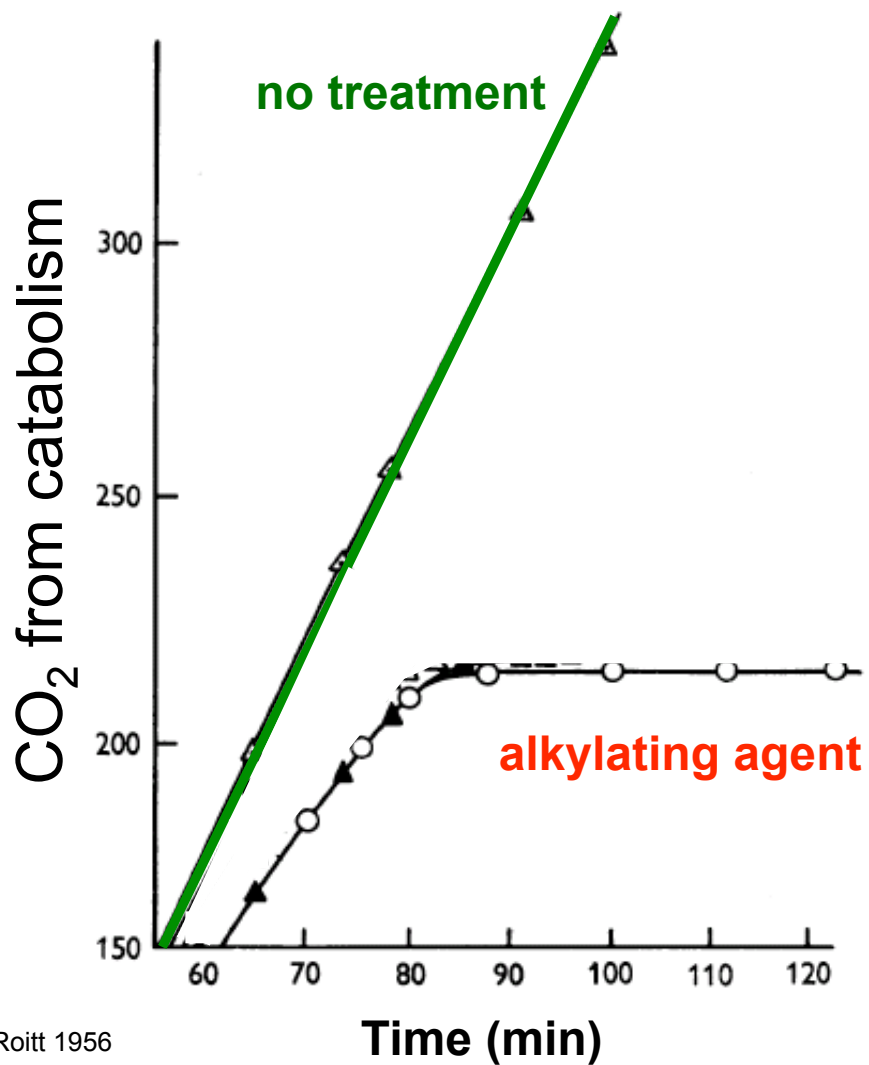
**PARP Inhibitors  
Represent New  
Direction in  
Cancer Treatment**



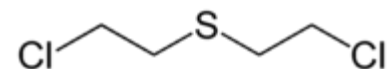


# Metabolism is suppressed by alkylating agent

In tumor cells



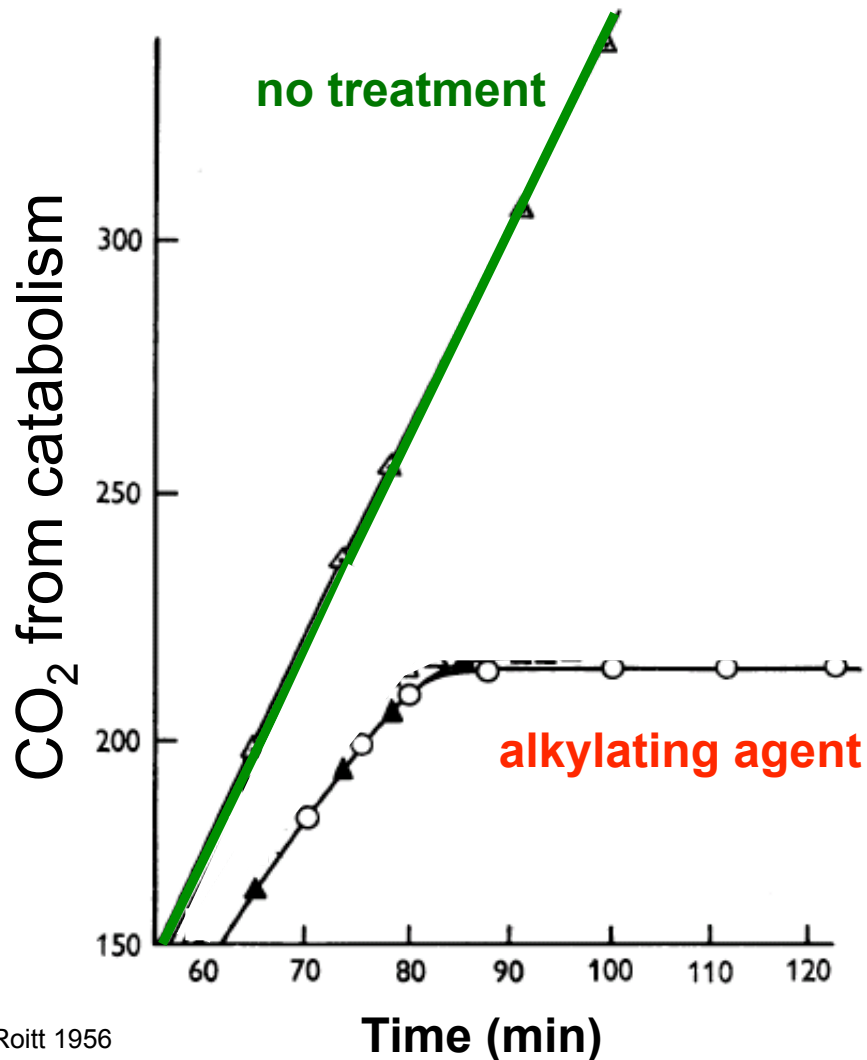
Roitt 1956



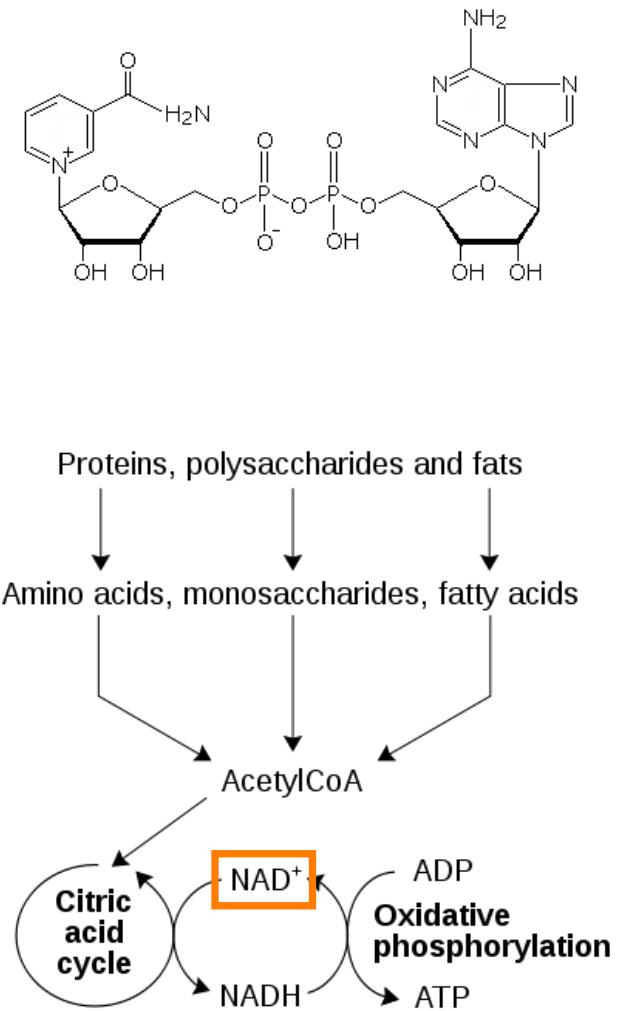
<http://www.dugway.army.mil>

# NAD levels are lowered by alkylating agent

In tumor cells



Roitt 1956



# NAD levels are lowered by alkylating agent

In slime mold



**Why?**

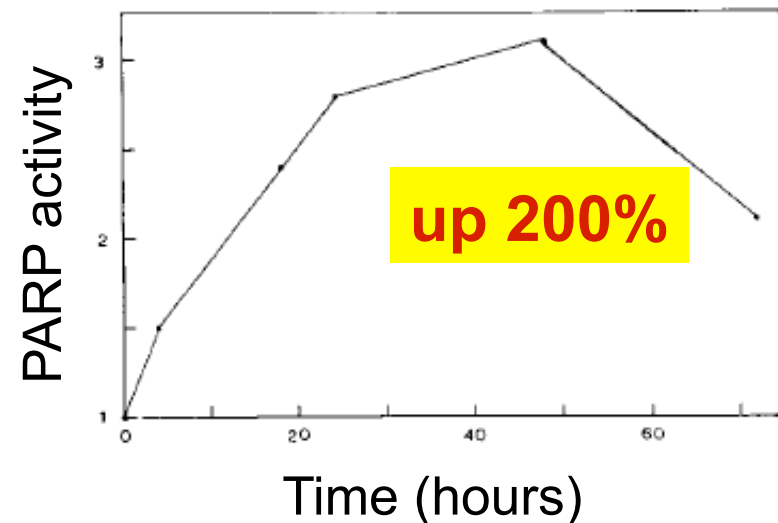
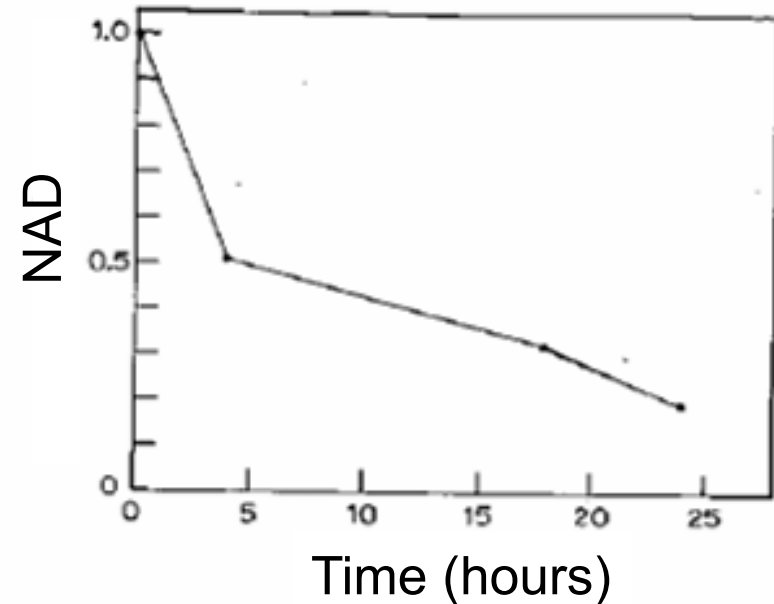
Less NAD is made? No

More NAD is degraded? No

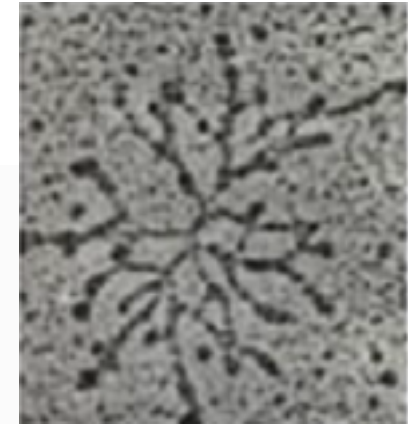
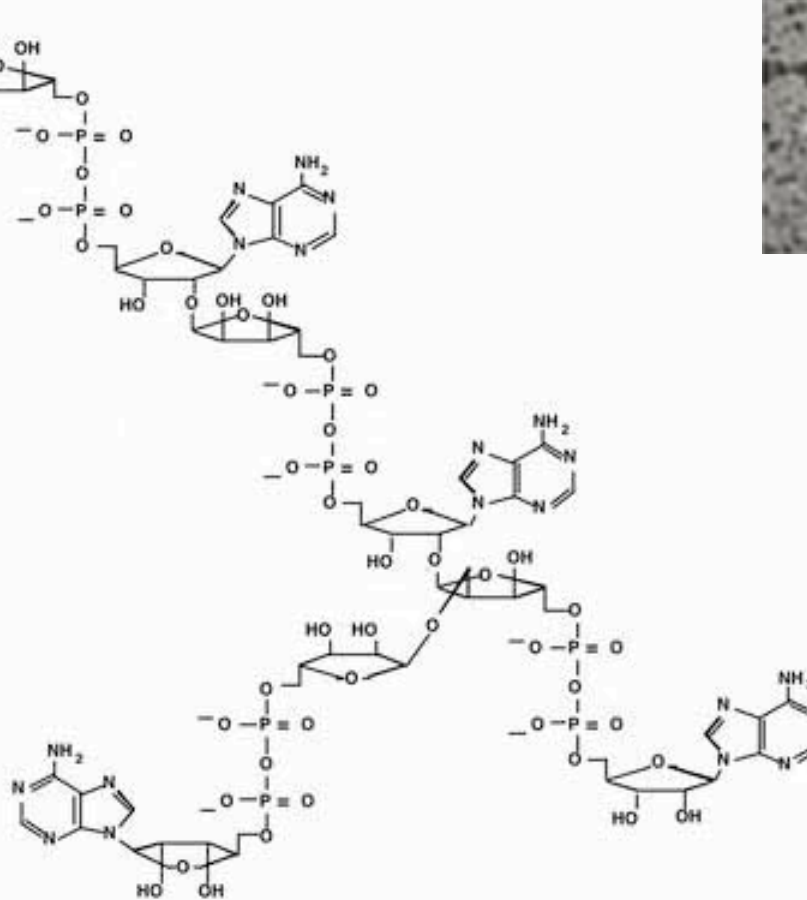
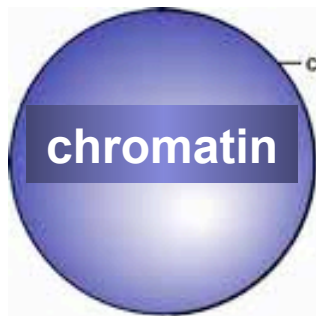
Used up to build something??

**Yes!**

**Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP)**

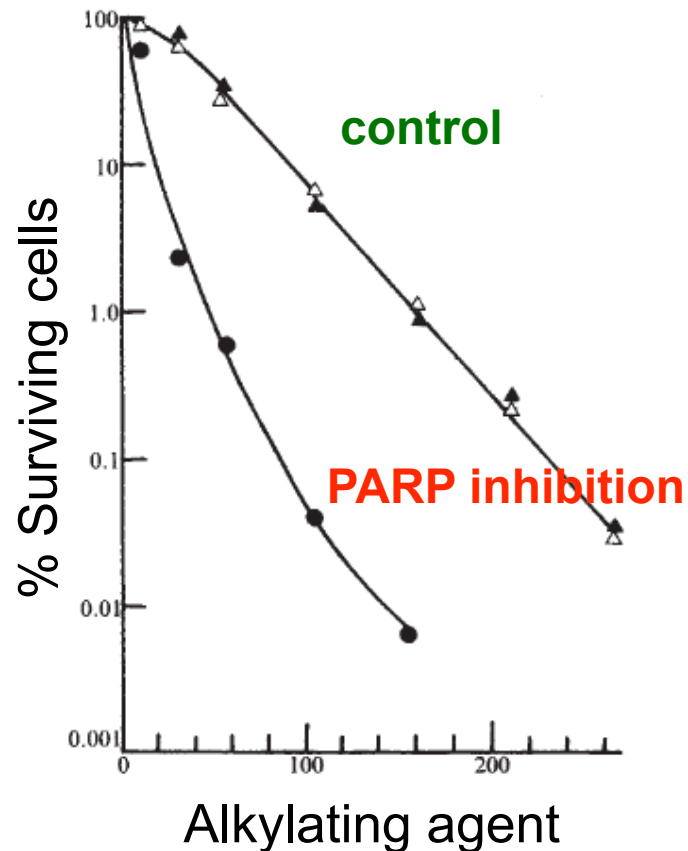


# NAD is a precursor for poly(ADP-ribose)



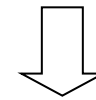
# What is the role of poly(ADP-ribosylation)?

Inhibit it, see what happens:



Durkacz 1980  
Mouse leukemia cells

**Inhibition of PARP  
affects survival after  
treatment with DNA  
damaging agent**



**PARP has a role in  
DNA repair**

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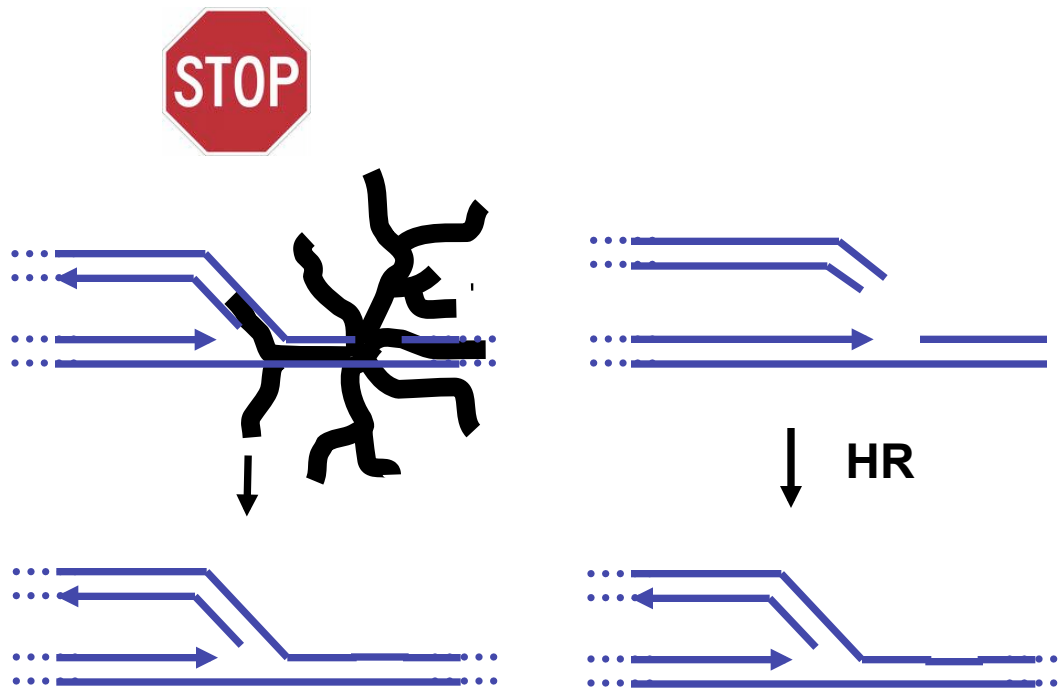
Inhibit it, see what happens:

More HR

Waldman 1991

More single strand breaks

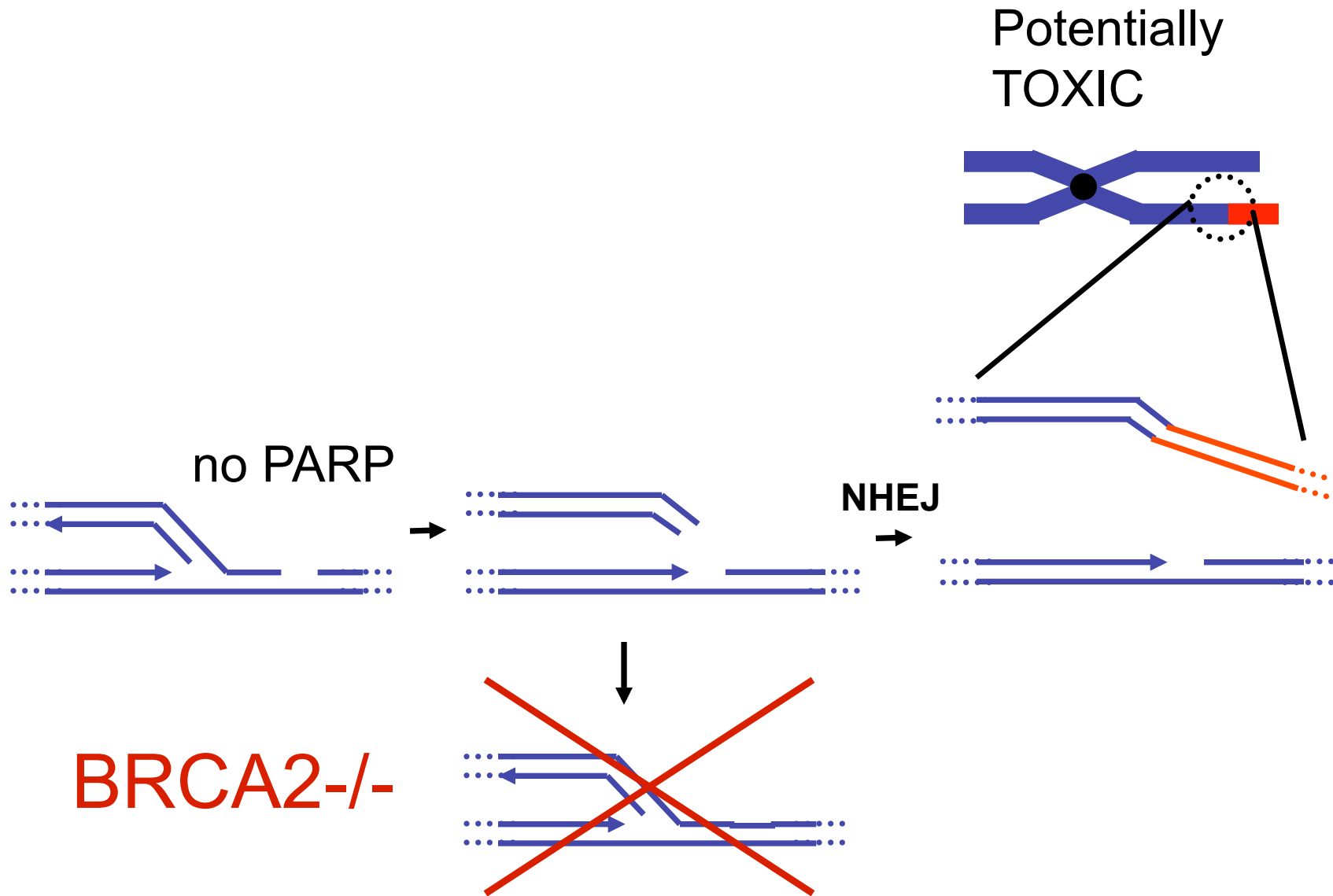
Boulton 1999



In the absence of PARP, HR is needed to fix broken fork

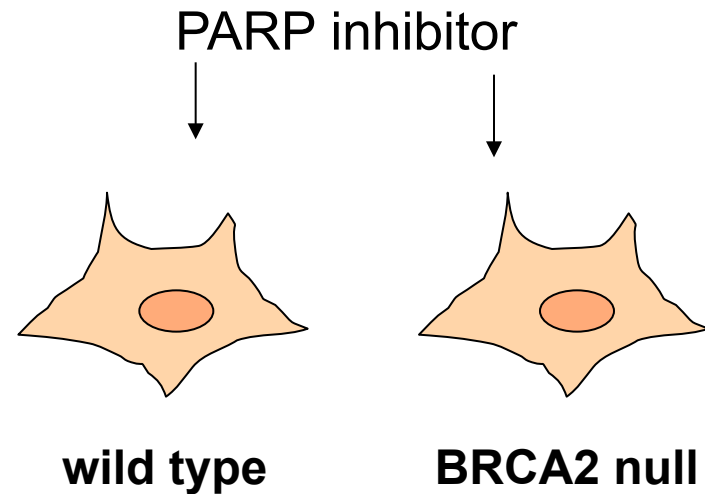
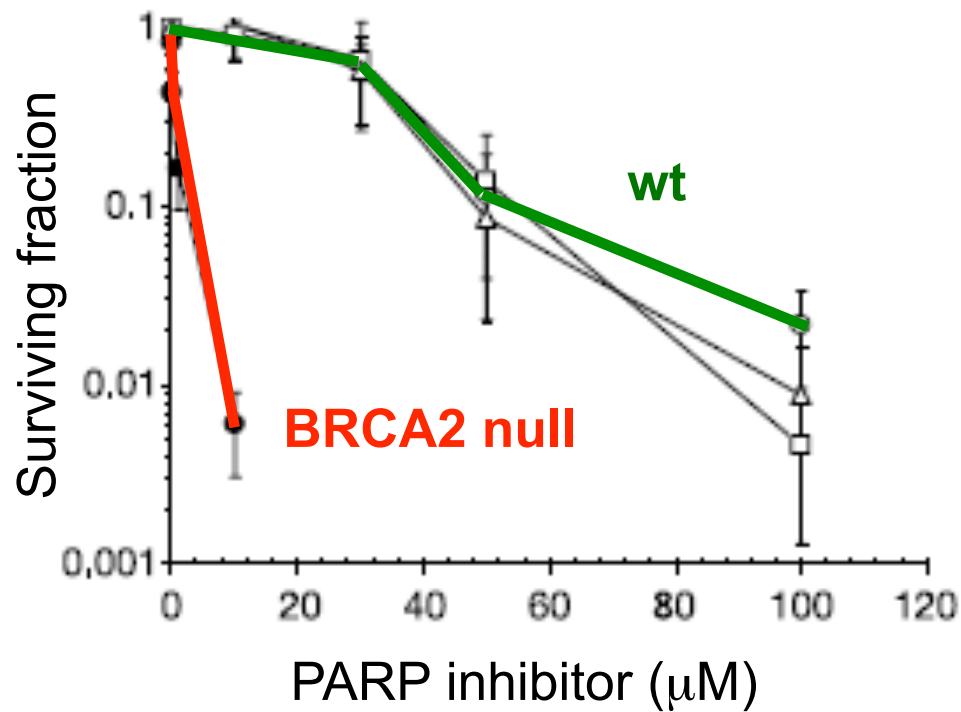
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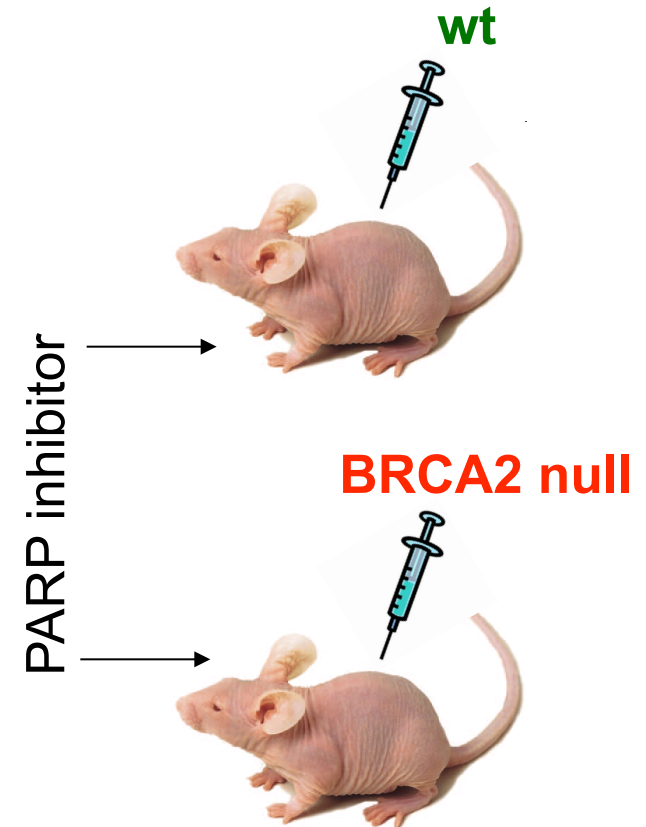
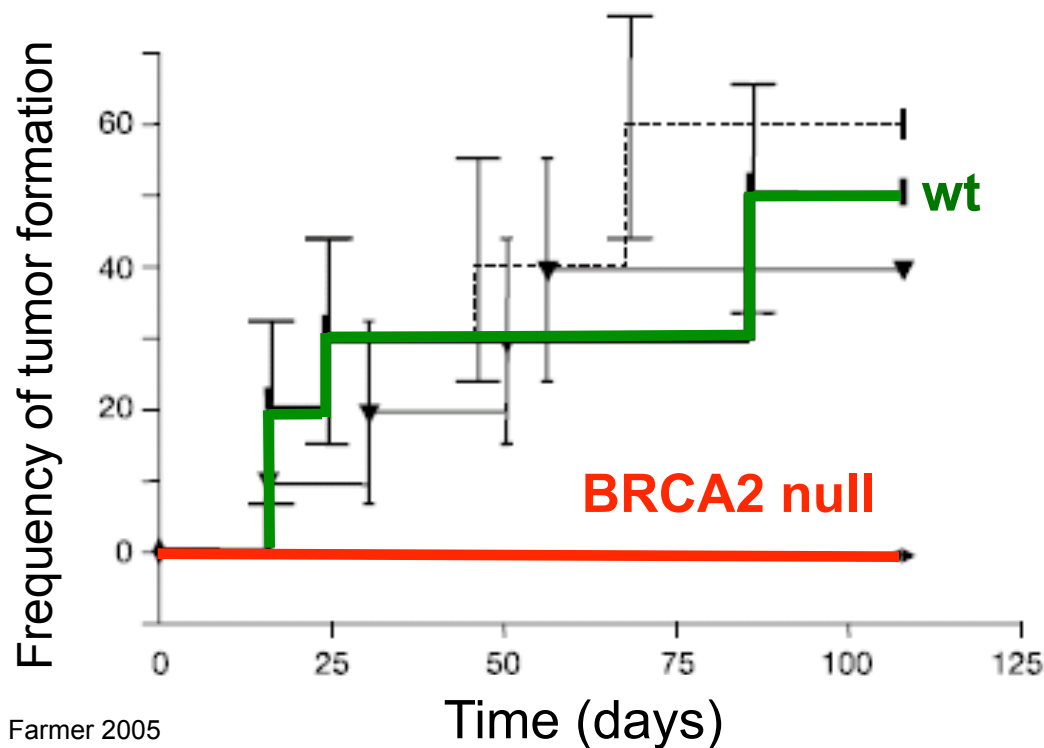
In cells





# BRCA2 null cells are extremely sensitive to PARP inhibitors

In mice



**TARGETED to tumor by virtue of the tumor's own mutation!**

# Inhibition of Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase in Tumors from BRCA Mutation Carriers

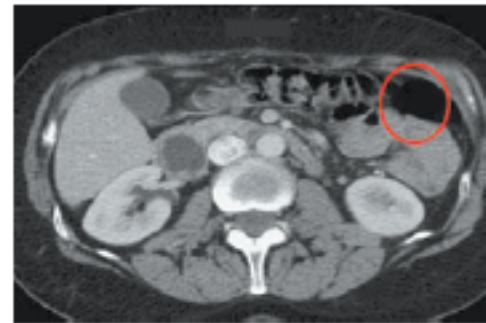
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**advanced  
ovarian  
cancer**

**Patient 41,  
at Baseline**

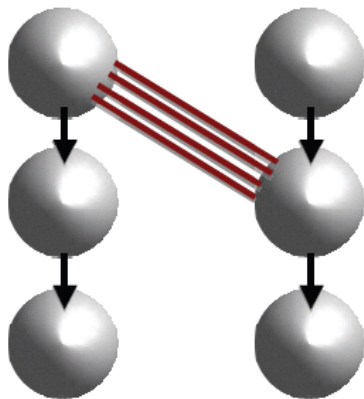


**Patient 41,  
at 4 Mo**



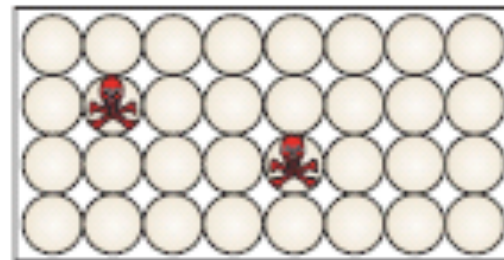
| Subgroup and Dose   | Total No. of Patients | Partial or Complete Radiologic Response         |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| All patients  | 60                    | 9   |
| Patients with <i>BRCA1</i> or <i>BRCA2</i> ovarian, breast, or prostate cancer† | 19                    | 9 (8 with ovarian cancer, 1 with breast cancer) |

# Synthetic lethality and an assay to find it

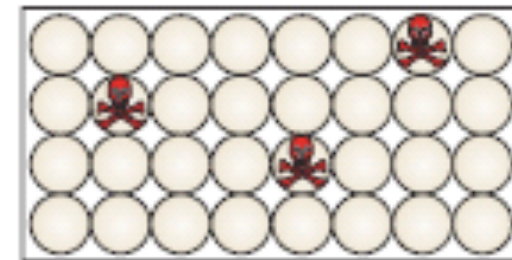


Each decrease  
expression  
of a single gene

Chemical or RNAi library



Wild type



*TSG*<sup>-/-</sup>

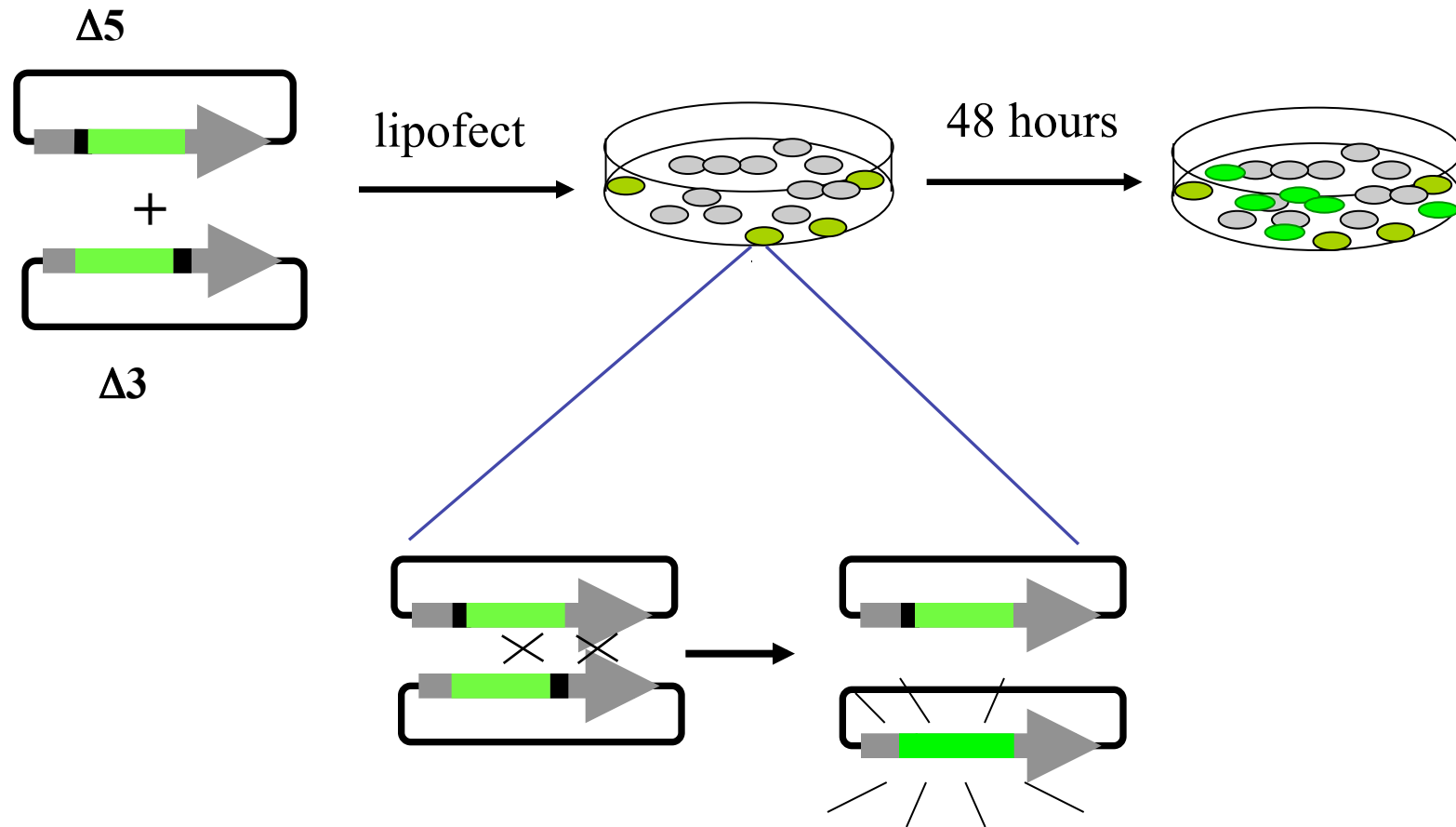
- Lecture 1:**       **Intro to importance of HR**
- Lecture 2:**       **How HR works**
- Lecture 3:**       **Why understanding matters: BRCA2 and HR**
- Lecture 4:**       **Exploiting scientific understanding for engineering: BRCA2 targeted therapies**
- Lecture 5:**       **Measuring HR in genotoxicity testing,  
using HR in genome engineering of mice**
- Lecture 6:**       **Journal article discussion**
- Lecture 7:**       **Statistics**
- Lecture 8:**       **Flow Cytometry: How it works and how to do it**

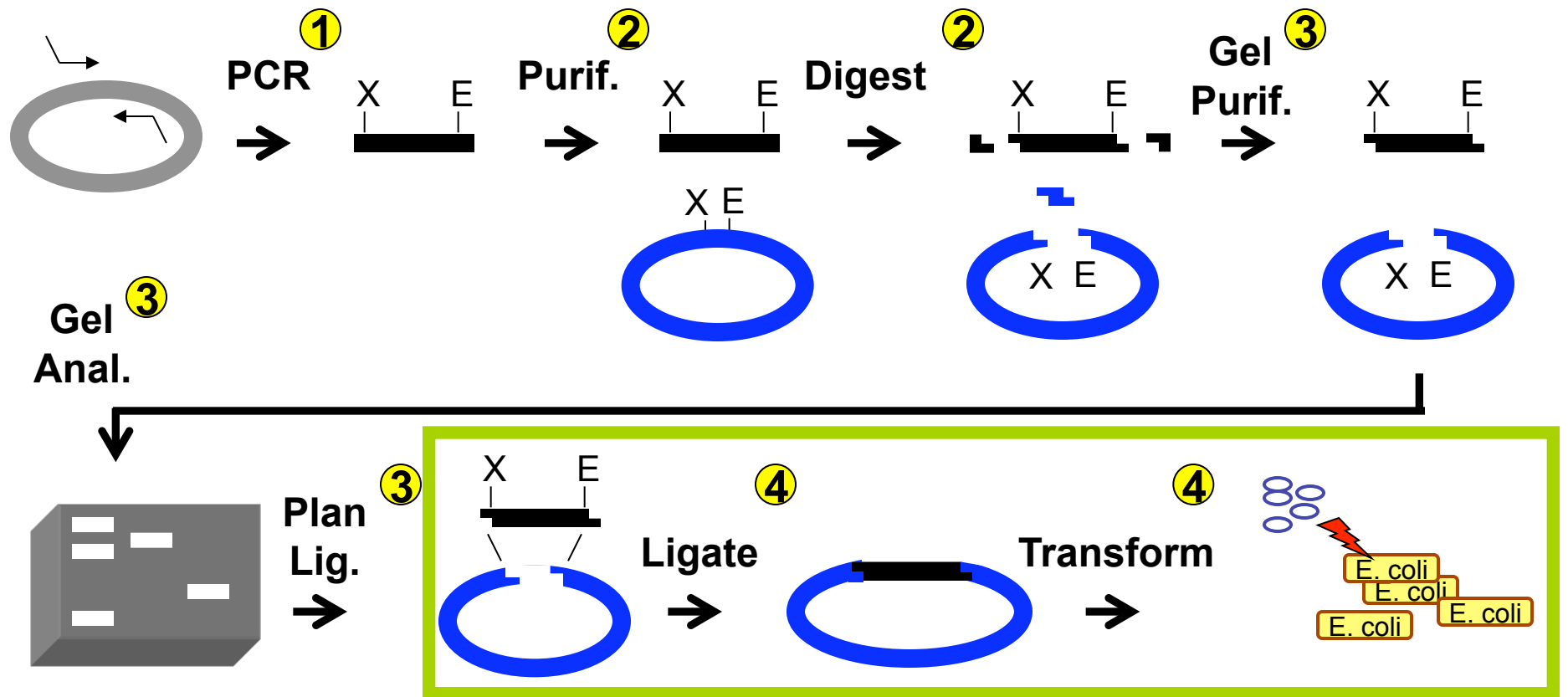
# **Mod 1: DNA Engineering**

## **Engineering in vitro recombination assay**

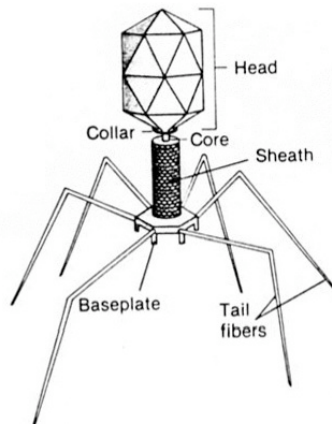
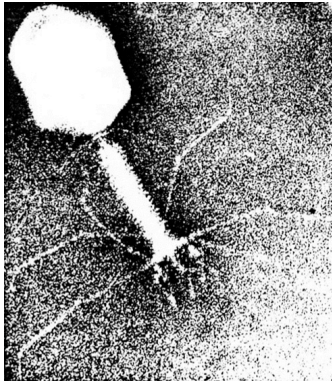
**Day 4**

# A Plasmid-Based Assay for Homologous Recombination in Mammalian Cells

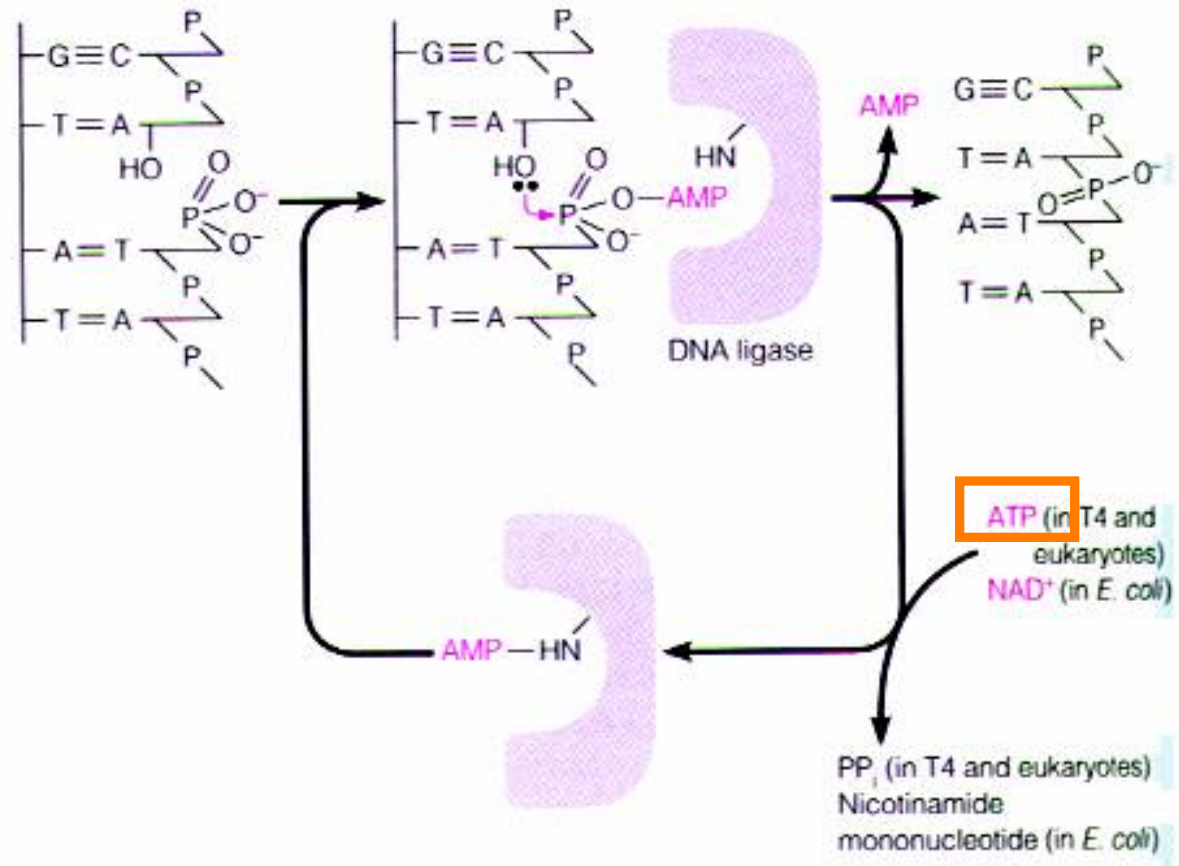




# Ligase from T4 bacteriophage is used in recombinant DNA technology



textbookofbacteriology.net



<http://www.biochem.umd.edu>

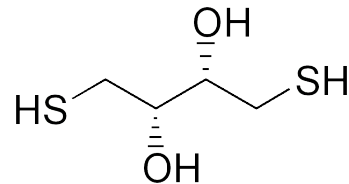


# Your ligation reaction

- Ligase
- ATP
- Buffer

Water, salts, buffer system

DTT



Ligase has NO activity w/o DTT  
DTT is unstable  
Make single use aliquots  
Vortex to suspend  
**SMELL**

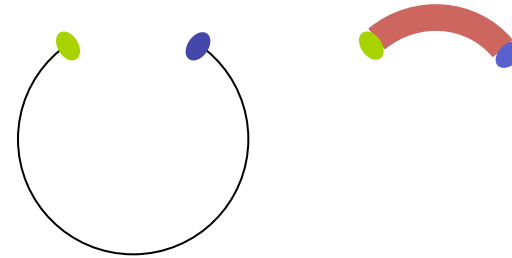
- Vector
- Insert

**How much?**  
**In what ratio?**

# Your ligation reaction

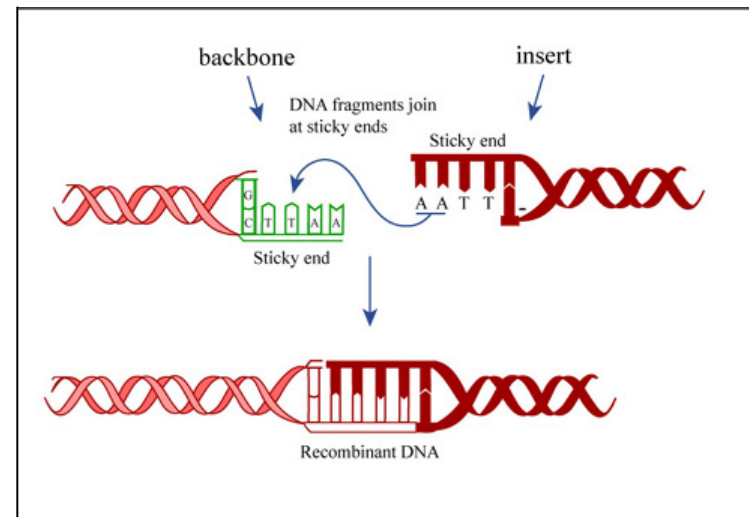
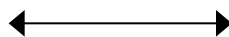
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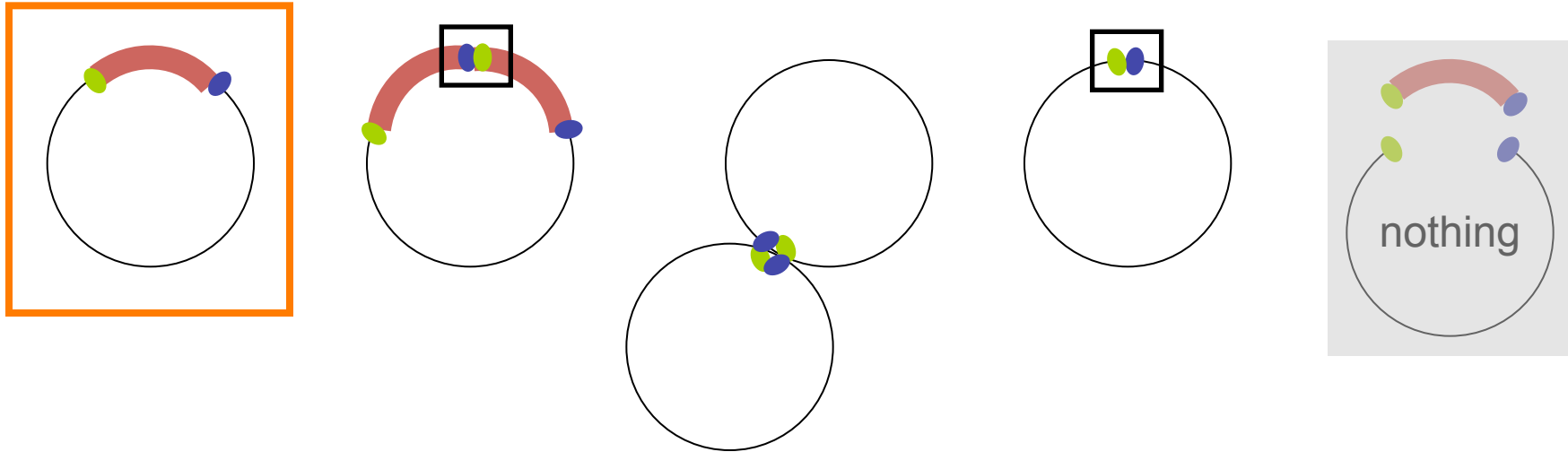


## Reaction conditions

Optimal temperature  
for T4 ligase is 25°C



## Your ligation reaction: possible outcomes



## Population of different products

Need to **separate** and **amplify** individual products to analyze and select correct one

# Transforming bacteria with ligation reaction

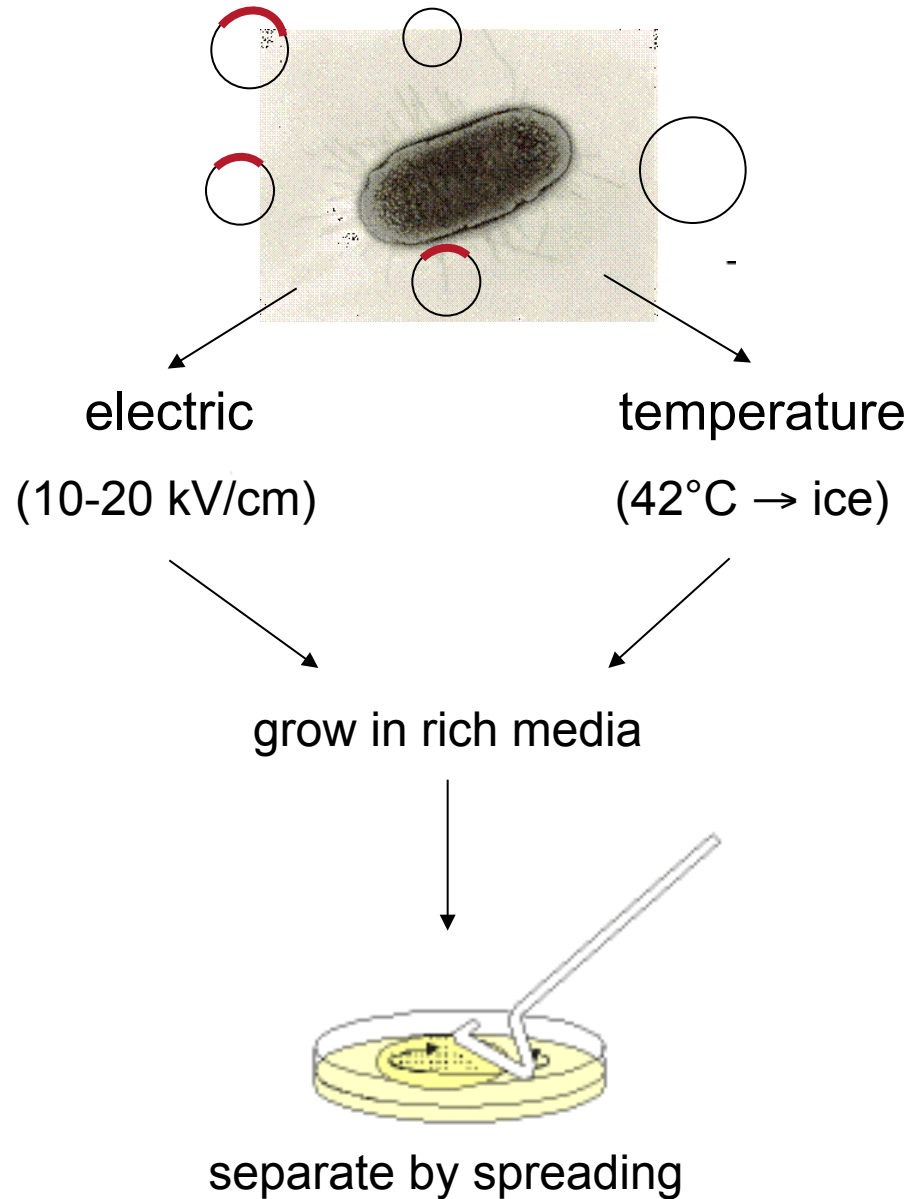
**MIX**

**SHOCK**

**PLASMID  
TAKEN UP**

**RECOVER**

**SEPARATE  
SELECT  
AMPLIFY**



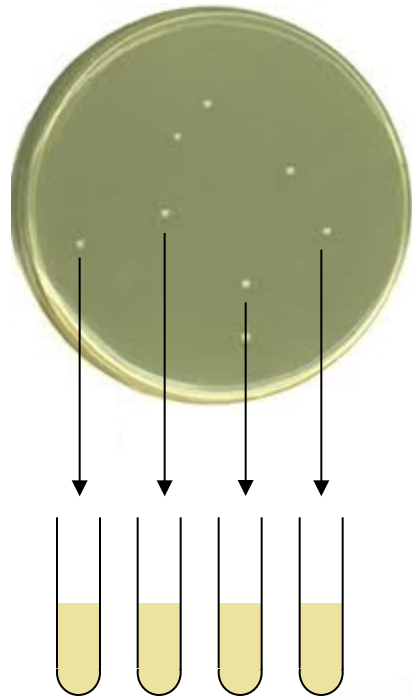
**Proceed to grow up individual colonies and analyze ligation products**

**SEPARATE  
SELECT  
AMPLIFY**

**GROW UP  
INDIVIDUAL  
COLONIES**

**ISOLATE  
PLASMID DNA**

**ANALYZE**



**next  
time**